

Provisional Vital Statistics for July 2010

Live births decreased in July as 6,575 Missouri babies were born compared with 7,037 one year earlier. Births also decreased for the cumulative 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For January-July, births decreased by 3.5 percent.

Deaths increased slightly for all three time periods shown below. For January-July, deaths increased by 0.9 percent from 31,816 to 32,110.

The **Natural increase** in July was 2,124 (6,575 births minus 4,451 deaths). For the cumulative 7- and 12-month periods ending with July, the natural increase declined sharply.

Marriages increased in July and for January-July, but continued to decrease for the 12-month period ending with July.

Dissolutions of marriage decreased in July, but increased for the cumulative 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. The marriage to divorce ratio decreased from 1.79 to 1.71 for the 12 months ending with July.

Infant deaths decreased for the 7- and 12-month periods ending with July. For January-July, the infant death rate decreased from 7.4 to 7.1 per 1,000 live births.

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<u>Item</u>	<u>July</u>				<u>Jan.-July Cumulative</u>				<u>12 months ending with July</u>				
	<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		<u>Number</u>		<u>Rate*</u>		
	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>	<u>2008</u>	<u>2009</u>	<u>2010</u>
Live Births	7,037	6,575	13.9	12.9	45,697	44,077	13.2	12.7	79,407	77,229	13.8	13.4	12.9
Deaths	4,303	4,451	8.5	8.8	31,816	32,110	9.2	9.2	54,169	54,358	9.5	9.1	9.1
Natural increase	2,734	2,124	5.4	4.2	13,881	11,967	4.0	3.4	25,238	22,871	4.4	4.2	3.8
Marriages	3,692	4,151	7.3	8.2	21,969	22,010	6.3	6.3	39,958	38,809	6.7	6.7	6.5
Dissolutions	1,989	1,831	3.9	3.6	12,990	13,316	3.8	3.8	22,299	22,700	3.7	3.8	3.8
Infant deaths	49	50	7.0	7.6	340	312	7.4	7.1	593	536	7.1	7.5	6.9
Population base (in thousands)	....	....	5,960	5,989	....	....	5,960	5,989	....	....	5,904	5,943	5,981

* Rates for live births, deaths, natural increase, marriages and dissolutions are computed on the number per 1000 estimated population. The infant death rate is based on the number of infant deaths per 1000 live births. Beginning with provisional July 2006 data numbers and rates are based on month of event rather than month of report. This will result in a delay in reporting, but will more accurately reflect current trends.

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